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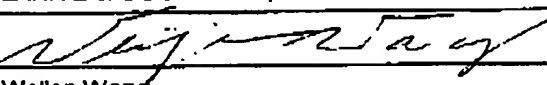
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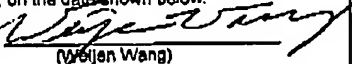
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In response to the Office Action dated September 18, 2006, finally rejecting claims 1-3, and 5-9, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendment to the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.